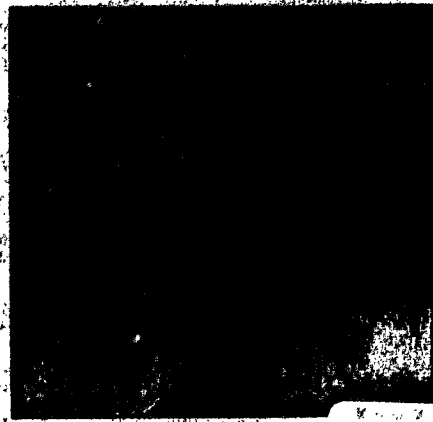


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Happy New Year!



Entwined in the 'Majestic Oaks'

Bay St. Louis artist Kathe Calhoun reflects on her work and her life in the Bay.

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AARP sponsors safe driving class at D'head

AARP is sponsoring a Safe Driving Class at the Diamondhead Community Center on Jan. 7 & 8. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on each day and the cost is \$10 per person. Completion of the two day course will enable you to present a certificate to your insurance company for a discount on your liability insurance. To register, contact Jerry Azemar at 228-255-5270.

Dedaux Youth Board hosts elections Jan. 7

The Dedaux Youth Association Board will host elections at the Dedaux ballfield on Jan. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All residents and family members welcome.

Host family needed for exchange student

A replacement host family is needed for a 16 year old exchange student from Norway. Call Jesse at 228/466-4711 or 1-888-389-1120.

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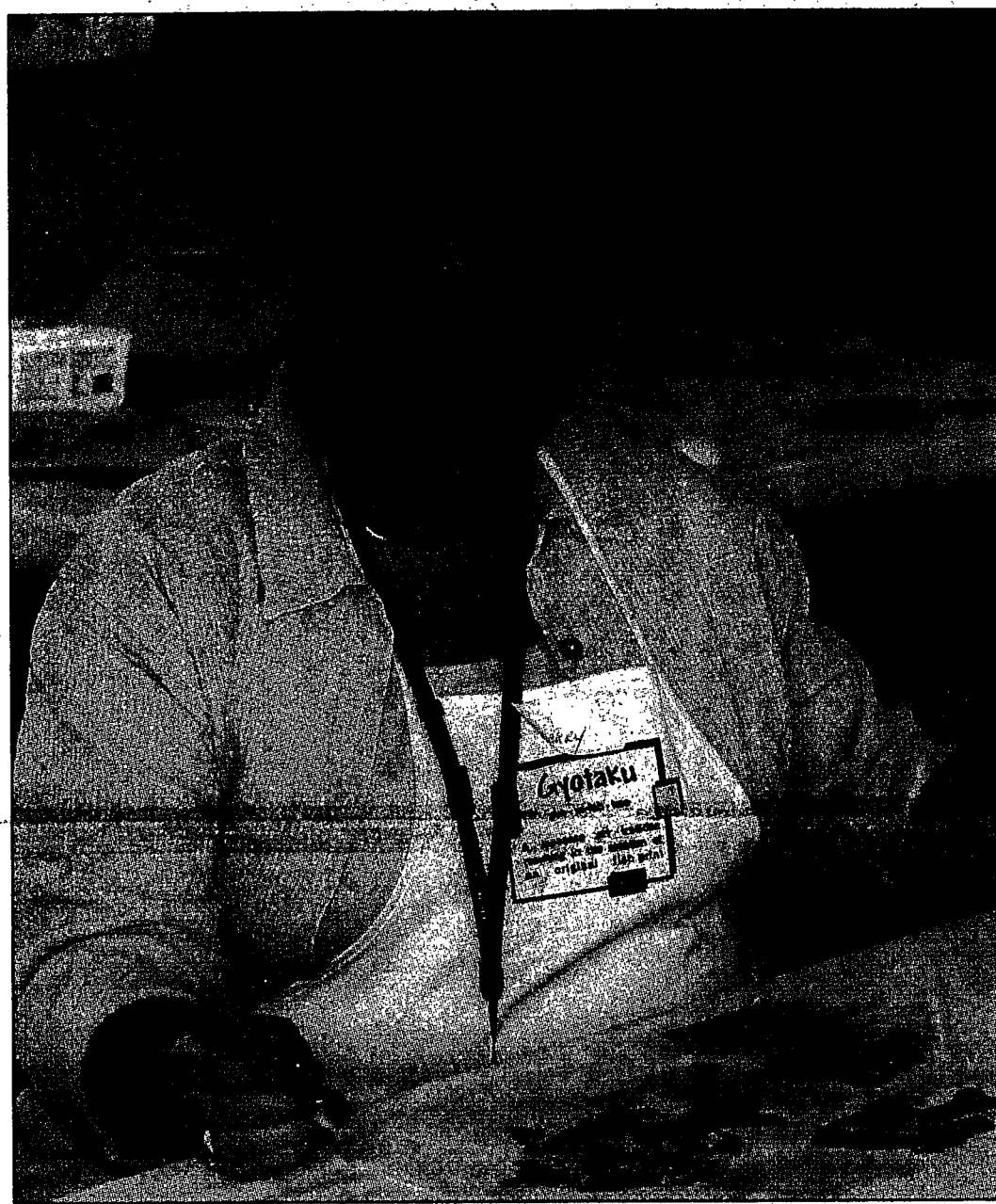
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ONE FISH, TWO FISH ...



Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter
Dr. Sherry Ponder, of the Bay-Waveland Schools Board of Trustees, ponders her artwork Tuesday during a print-making exercise. Ponder hosted the event and invited friends and associates to attend because she wanted to make people aware of the many artistic opportunities available in the Bay-Waveland area.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

About 25 ladies gathered at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot on Tuesday to rub fish - rubber fish, that is - used in a print making exercise under the direction of Gwen Impson from the Turquoise Turtle.

Impson and her husband John instructed ladies on the art of print making and matting. Each lady left with a

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Neighbors oppose Waveland project

3-story assisted-living facility proposed

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A three story, 82 to 85 unit, assisted living facility proposed for construction on the 200 block of Coleman Ave. in Waveland failed to pass the first hurdle that could make the project a reality. Citizens opposing the proposal

filled the room at Monday's Planning and Zoning meeting and spilled into the parking lot outside.

Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the request for rezoning.

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First they burned the store, then hit the house

Sheriff's dept. administrator is apparent target for second time

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Federal, state and local investigators are "combing the area" of Pearlinton and surrounding communities, investigating two fires - one on Dec. 4, that destroyed Cuevas Grocery - and then an "attempted arson" of the store owner Ronnie Cuevas' residence on Dec. 29.

An award of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the fires is being offered.

Cuevas, a Pearlinton native, is the Hancock County Sheriff's Depart-

ment administrator and is a former member of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Cuevas said he and his wife were in bed around 11 p.m. Monday when they heard what they thought was someone on their roof.

Upon checking he discovered a fire on the roof.

"I grabbed a ladder and a hose and quelled the fire before the West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department arrived."

Investigators said they found a can of gasoline on the roof of Cuevas' single-

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Federal fugitive caught in woods

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A fugitive wanted by U.S. Marshals for a parole violation in Texas was captured in the woods in Hancock County after he was chased to St. Tammany Parish, then back to Hancock and fled on foot, according to Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt.

"Jose Lindsey, 44, was corralled by K-9 Units Christmas night after he fled from his wife's residence on foot. Bright and early on Monday, Dec. 29, U.S. Marshals removed him from the Hancock County Criminal Facility, Hurt said.

Hurt continued, "We

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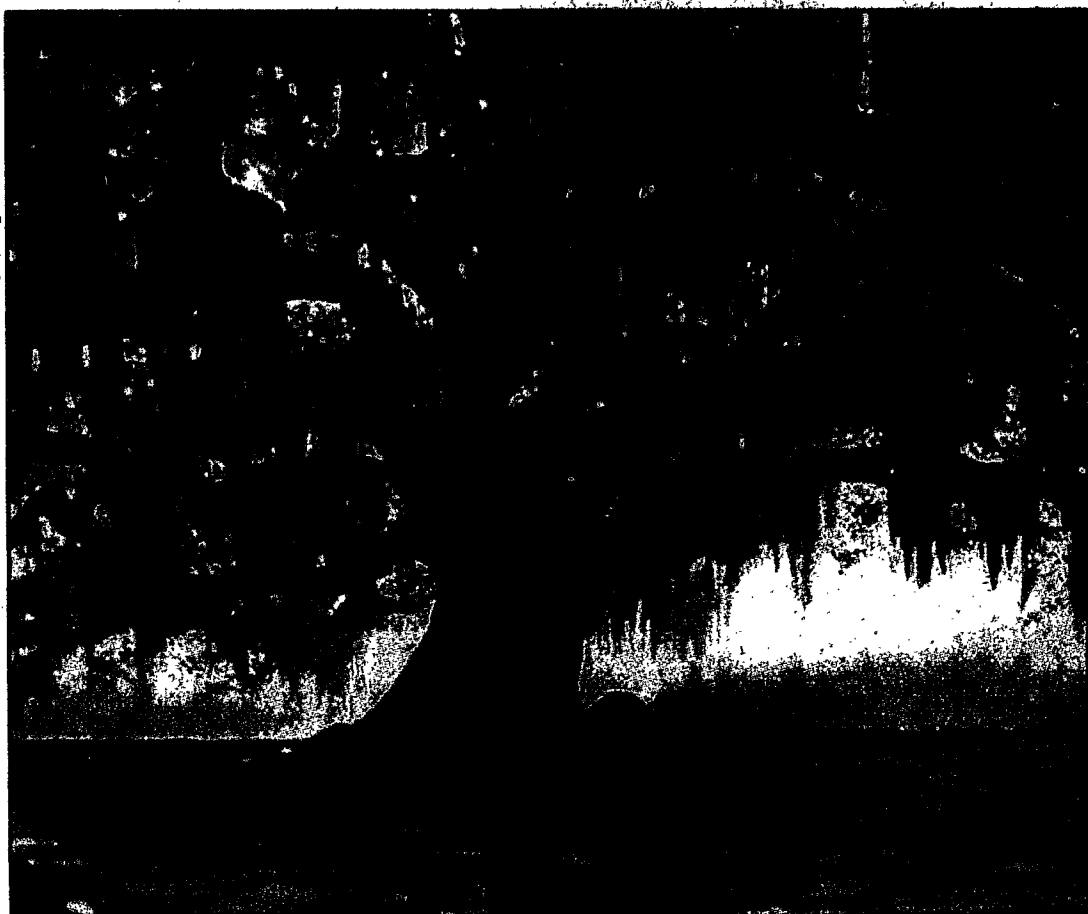


Bay St. Louis-resident Grace Orte celebrated her 105th birthday this week. She recalls family and friends - and living in three centuries in a complete story on page 6A.

Echo staff photo by
Ellis C. Cuevas

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'Majestic Oaks'



creative JUICE

This art series features one piece of work by a local artist and reveals the creative process behind that work. This week, fine art artist Kathie Calhoun discusses the inspiration behind her painting "Majestic Oaks." This series runs every other Thursday. Artists interested in having one of their works featured should contact Shannon Jenkins at 228-467-5474 or rsjecho@yahoo.com.



KATHIE CALHOUN

- Fine art artist
- Alexandria, La., native
- Resident of Bay St. Louis
- Artist since 1968
- Work found at Blue Skies Gallery in Pass Christian, Dynamic Framing and Gallery in Long Beach, Hillyer House in Pass Christian, The Cup Filler in Bay St. Louis and The Bonner Collection in Bay St. Louis

Echo: Where did the inspiration for this work come from?

Calhoun: (As I have traveled) throughout the South, these beautiful trees have always demanded my attention. I feel so fortunate to have such a large number of them to view each day.

Echo: What do you like most about this work and why?

Calhoun: I think that I have captured the feeling of being entwined with their mighty limbs of strength and at the same time the hidden mystery of the ghostly swaying moss.

Echo: What does this piece mean to you?

Calhoun: There is a certain tranquility about it that is relaxing and comforting. A feeling of being there and being comforted.

Echo: What is unique about this artwork?

Calhoun: Uniqueness -- these beautiful giant trees seem to speak of the strength of the people while at the same time they evoke the tranquil life of the region?

Echo: Why did you create this piece?

Calhoun: As I paint with lots of rich color and water, I'm truly caught up in the

sheer excitement that only watercolor can accomplish. To watch the dance, movement and intermingling of paint and water while controlling it just enough to create a mood, atmosphere, a setting, that enlists the viewer to put himself in the scene is an extremely enriching feeling -- a natural high.

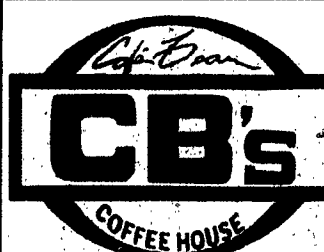
Olde Towne Players offer 'The Laramie Project'

Olde Towne Players, the Coast's new community theatre, will present its debut production, "The Laramie Project," at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 and 2 p.m. Feb. 1 at Serenity Gallery, 125 Main St., in downtown Bay St. Louis.

Director Sherry Schwabacher and Production Designer Ray Kutos have assembled a cast of six men and seven women to portray about 40

people who were swept up in the aftermath that followed the savage beating that led to the death of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie five years ago.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students with ID. The Olde Towne Players will donate 50 percent of production proceeds after expenses to the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force.



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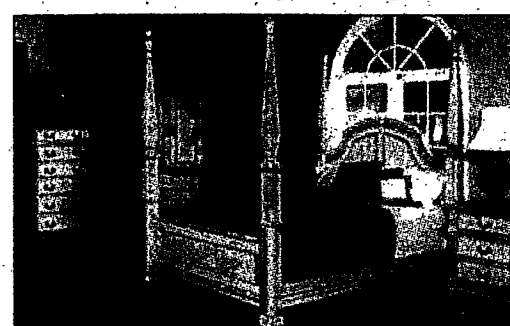
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Dec. 19 to Dec. 26. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Alfred Fisher, 20, hold for Louisiana Probation and Parole
- Jerry D. Garth, 35, burglary, cultivation of marijuana, suspended driver's license, possession of stolen property
- Hubert O. Fulton Jr., 24, burglary of cars, contempt of court
- Charles Celestin, 47, sale of crack cocaine
- Jonathan C. Kenmar, 21, DUI (3rd), suspended driver's license, careless driving
- Jeffrey Tyson, 29, public drunk
- Andrew Sedor, 35, domestic violence
- Joseph L. Moleski, 22, DUI (1st), expired tag, parole violation
- Robert Staneford, 32, contempt of court (failure to

- comply, failure to appear)
- Gregory Copeland, 33, DUI, speeding
- Ricky Labauve, 33, public intoxication, contempt of court
- John Edward Hegler III, 28, trespassing
- Ronnie Aaron Powell, 27, suspended driver's license, false identifying information
- Brandon K. Bulington, 33, no driver's license, false information, improper turn
- Samir Shamsid-Deen, 48, DUI, careless driving
- Dennis Devilbiss, 31, contempt of court (shoplifting)
- Anrthor Keyes, 22, sale of controlled substance
- Lynell Keyes, 22, sale of controlled substance
- Gabriella Waddell, 40, shoplifting
- Dennis D. Henley, 23, suspended driver's license, speeding, seat belt violation
- Nolan E. Gray III, 23, suspended driver's license, speeding, ERS violation
- David M. Keen, 48, DUI (1st), disregard to traffic light
- Jacquelyn M. Roton, 21, disorderly conduct

- Willard S. Isham, 64, DUI (1st), unsafe operation
- Bryon L. Cuevas, 24, possession of precursor for meth, violation of house arrest
- Donald P. Hudson, 36, simple assault
- Mary E. Fillingame, 18, shoplifting
- Frank J. Henderson, 41, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on suspended driver's license, improper display of tag
- Hilmon Stigler Jr., 20, contempt of court
- Victoria Quentini, 40, public drunk
- Alex O. Robinson, 28, public drunk, destruction of public property, disturbance of peace, resisting arrest, assault on officer, disorderly conduct
- Glen Summers, 35, DUI (2nd), careless driving
- Charles A. Young, 44, DUI (1st)
- Walter Warren, 45, DUI (1st)
- Sylvester Harrington, 28, disorderly conduct, breach of peace, disregard for life/safety
- Jose Francisco Lindsey, 52, resisting arrest, failure

- to obey, no proof insurance, no driver's license, improper turn, failure to yield, reckless driving, disorderly conduct
- Carl Saunders, 25, disorderly conduct
- Benjamin E. Tomaso, 26, leaving scene of accident, giving false information, driving on suspended driver's license
- David Richie, 71, public intoxication
- David Horton, 49, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Robert H. Mather Jr., 37, burglary of vehicle, DUI (1st), no insurance, disregard for traffic device, suspended driver's license, expired tag
- Jacob Dockery, 20, DUI (1st), possession of marijuana
- Evangeline Schwartz, 30, contempt of court (failure to comply)
- Quincy M. Williams, 32, simple assault (domestic), contempt of court
- Allen Cuevas, 25, trespassing
- Ronald A. Peterson Jr., 33, simple assault (domestic)

East Hancock Fire Protection rating upgraded; insurance rates should drop

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Residents in the East Hancock Fire Protection District should soon see their fire insurance rates drop. Recently installed fire hydrants during a Phase 1 water upgrade by Hancock County Water and Sewer have allowed the district to qualify for a Class 8 rating.

Insurance Commissioner George Dale has announced that the Mississippi State Rating Bureau has upgraded the public fire protection facilities of the East Hancock Fire Protection District in Hancock County.

The new rating was confirmed this week by the Mississippi State Rating Bureau and the new rate will be effective retroactive as of December 5, 2003. So the savings a property owner sees in their dwelling's fire insurance rates will become effective as of that date.

Insurance companies in the area will be notified of the new rating, but homeowners may want to check with their insurance companies to insure proper credit.

The exact percentage of savings has yet to be determined, but director of Hancock County Water and Sewer District Eddie Renz said that a savings of 12 to 15 percent is expected. A

rating drop in Van Cleave recently, from a 9 Class to an 8 Class, netted a 35 to 45 percent savings for those residents.

The Class Rating System is just one of several factors which determine insurance rates. Rates are also dependent on specific construction, occupancy, private protection, and exposure from adjacent buildings.

"Upgraded fire classifications mean better quality fire protection in that fire district, as well as lower premiums for the homeowners living there," Commissioner Dale said. Individual property fire rates are also determined by such factors as specific construction, occupancy, private protection, and exposure from adjacent buildings.

Since 1988, Commissioner Dale and the Mississippi Department of Insurance (MDOI) have focused on improving fire protection statewide by expanding the number of rural fire departments and enhancing their capabilities. There are now 210 rated fire districts in Mississippi. The number of fire departments has increased from 350 in 1988 to 765 today, while the number of firefighters statewide has increased from 5,000 in

1988 to 15,000 in 2002.

Since 1995, the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program (RFTAAP) has distributed nearly \$17 million in state funds towards the purchase of 341 new fire trucks by cities and counties whose fire departments primarily serve rural and suburban areas. One in three Mississippians now receive protection from a fire department that has purchased one or more trucks through RFTAAP.

Working with local governments, MDOI has provided fire ground training and administrative know-how along with seed monies to improve the quality of fire protection services statewide. The net result of these efforts: 1.3 million Mississippians have improved their insurance class since 1995.

"The state's \$17 million public investment easily generates more than that amount in savings to homeowners on their insurance premiums each year," Commissioner Dale said.

In an era of rising insurance costs, savings to the homeowner generated by improvements in firefighting infrastructure are significant. An improvement in district rating from a Class 10 to a Class 9 can lead to as much as a 24 percent reduction

in homeowners insurance premium, while an upgrade to a Class 8 can add an additional 20 percent savings.

Library System to close for New Year's holiday

All four branches of the Hancock County Library System will close Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2, for the New Year's holiday. The branches will reopen for business on Saturday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Library users needing to return items should use the exterior book returns located at all four branches: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Kiln Public Library, Pearlinton Public Library and Waveland Public Library.

For more information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282;

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Bay woman has 105th birthday

Sunday afternoon I had the opportunity of speaking to the oldest person I have ever made contact with.

That person is Mrs. Grace Ortte, of Bay St. Louis, who by the way, resides less than two blocks from my residence, who celebrated her 105th birthday last week.

Mrs. Ortte was a friend of Miss Celestine V. (Aunt Teenie) Labat, who died on Feb. 15, 2003, at age 104, also of Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ortte said, Miss Labat was a two months older than her.

To have lived in three different centuries, as these two Bay St. Louis residents, is something only a very, very small percentage of people have been able to do since the beginning of mankind.

I have known Mrs. Ortte for most of my life, and when she asked me Sunday how old I was and told her, she said, 'I was only a baby.'

I do remember the big party for 100th birthday, as I took a large family photo then. It was a honor once again to take her

photo at 105.

She was proud to have received for her 105th, a letter of congratulations from Willard Scott of NBC News.

Mrs. Ortte's daughter Marion Elliott is her chauffeur, and I see them about town frequently, as she enjoys taking a ride about town.

To my knowledge now, Mrs. Ortte is now the oldest residing living in Hancock County.

We wish her many more birthdays.

Here's wishing a happy and prosperous New Year to each and everyone.

Hopefully, 2004 will be a great year for all.

In our county we should see many things of importance happening.

Many new businesses came to the county in 2003 and indications are that this will continue in 2004.

I am sure we will be hearing a lot more about the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Smart Growth Plan and several other projects of importance.

The best of everything for you in 2004.

Here's wishing a happy and prosperous New Year to each and everyone

South's rivers do much for us

BY ROBERT L. BENDICK JR.,
Director of The Nature Conservancy's Southeast Division

Rivers are born at their headwaters. On December mornings here in the South, these are, for the most part, quiet places, far from the rush of holiday traffic.

They are places where small streams run among ice-coated rocks in the high valleys of the Appalachians, the dark, still waters of hardwood swamps flowing under canopies of bare cypress and tupelo, or clear

blue, springs smoking in the cool air of north Florida forests. From these beginnings flow our region's rivers with names like Pascagoula, Tennessee, Chattahoochee, Alabama, Savannah, Altamaha, Nantahala and Suwannee — names that have endured from earlier times just as the rivers themselves have endured.

We have changed our rivers, dammed them, altered their courses, contained them with levees, ploughed up their flood plains, dumped our waste into them and built cities

along their banks.

Despite such change (or in some cases, because of it) the South's rivers do much for us. They provide water for drinking, industry and agriculture. They carry freight, generate power and accept our treated sewage. They sustain the health of estuaries that are the source of the region's seafood industry and are places to fish, swim, run boats or paddle a canoe. Our rivers are habitat for a great diversity of native plants and animals, and they are hauntingly beautiful as their graceful curves

and bends flow toward the Gulf and the Atlantic. These rivers are part of the character, history and heritage of the South.

But today change is moving upstream. The headwater sources of our rivers are threatened by the loss of their sheltering forests, by the filling and draining of swamps, the paving over of the places where underground aquifers are replenished. When their headwaters are changed, the rivers are changed.

Instead of being held by wooded hills and wetlands,

RIVERS--5A

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Hancock residents are generous people

Locals help Food Pantry provide for the needy in Hancock County

Despite what other nations may say, Americans are caring, generous people. This is especially true of the citizens of Hancock County and their support given to the Hancock County Food Pantry in 2003.

Faced with an increasing number of people to be assisted and increasing cost of food, the Pantry needed help. When this need was made known, churches, schools, individuals, businesses, and civic organizations responded quickly and abundantly. Their actions allowed the Pantry to provide special Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets as well as continue with the same daily food for their clients.

As we prepare for 2004, we do so in confidence that if the Pantry needs help, the people will respond again. To our supporters, the 60 or more volunteers say "thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

In case you are interested

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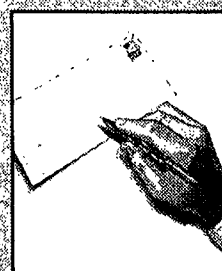
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Echo staff file photo
People line up outside the Hancock County Food Pantry just before Thanksgiving this year to receive special food baskets, which were made possible through the generosity of local individuals, businesses, schools and organizations.

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NASA MultiMedia Series set to inspire Hispanic youths

Hoping to enhance the future U.S. scientific work force, NASA is launching Noticiencias NASA(tm), a new program under the agency's Hispanic Education Initiative.

Designed for students in grades K-5, Noticiencias NASA(tm) is a Spanish-language, research-inquiry, standards-based and technology-focused educational program.

Noticiencias NASA(tm) uses the Internet, animation and video. It will introduce a rising population of young Hispanics to the world of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, NASA missions and research.

According to the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, Hispanics are the fastest growing sector of the school-age population, the work force of tomorrow. It is projected in 25 years, one in every four children in U.S. elementary schools will be Hispanic.

"NASA is making a dedicated effort to introduce the young minds of the children of our growing Spanish-speaking population to NASA and the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics," said Dewey L. Herring, educa-

tion officer at NASA Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis. "Among those young minds we will surely find many members of our next generation of explorers."

Noticiencias NASA(tm) features Hispanic stu-

site offers detailed written explanations, hands-on activities, resources and computer-graded quizzes.

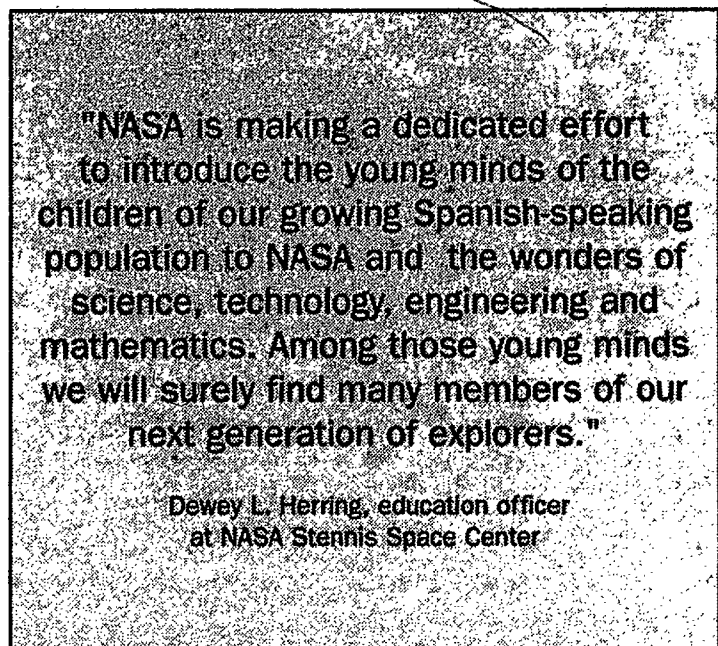
Topics range from, "Why do astronauts float in space?" and, "Did you know NASA's Odyssey spacecraft found water

the serious shortage of Hispanic men and women in these fields. "We are striving to bolster students' learning potential as well as address a critical aspect of maintaining leadership in science and engineering in the 21st century," Gilman added.

Noticiencias NASA(tm) is sponsored by NASA's Office of Biology & Physical Research (OBPR) and produced by LaRC for Distance Learning. According to Bonnie McClain, OBPR chief of education, statistics indicate participation by Hispanics in the scientific labor force continues to trail behind other ethnic groups. Hispanic students take fewer mathematics, science and technology courses.

OBPR is pleased to support this programming, designed to pique the interest of young people, motivate them to find out more about science, math and technology, and to help overcome lack of participation by Hispanic students.

LaRC for Distance Learning produces five award-winning, educational programs in English and Spanish: NASA's Kids Science News Network(tm), NASA SCI Files(tm), NASA CONNECT(tm), NASA LIVE(tm) and NASA's Destination Tomorrow(tm).



dents explaining science, technology, engineering, mathematics and NASA facts to other children in an entertaining and instructional format.

The one-minute video programs explain everyday phenomena, correct misconceptions, and answer frequently asked questions about the Earth and space. The program also uses animated characters (for grades K-2).

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ice under the surface of Mars?" to "What is nanotechnology?" and "How does the Internet work?"

"It is our hope these programs will inspire kids to pursue careers in the engineering and science fields," said Ivelisse Gilman, manager of the Hispanic Education Initiative at NASA's Langley Research Center (LaRC), Hampton, Va. The Hispanic Education Initiative is an outreach effort designed to address

Re-dedication service set for health care workers

The Wholistic Wellness Network and the St. Augustine's WJK Retreat Center invite all persons involved in the health care professions to a re-dedication service on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the WJK Retreat Center Chapel, 510 North Second Street, Bay St. Louis.

All doctors, nurses, hospital staff, health care workers, and others who minister to the sick and infirm are welcome to the service.

There will be a blessing/anointing of the hands for all who wish during the service. A reception in the dining room will conclude

the evening.

"As we begin this new year please join us in renewing your commitment to healing and wellness."

For more information please call Rev. Brendan Murphy at 228-467-9837 or Holly Hayden at 228-467-7285.

Rivers

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hard rains rush downstream intensifying flood damage. In dry times, without cool forests and broad swamps to store water like a sponge, river levels drop faster, further threatening wildlife and water supplies. Droughts become longer and more intense.

If the places where rainwater runs into aquifers are abused, springs become contaminated and ultimately dry up. When headwaters are polluted, then (like a littered street attracts more litter) people see less reason to keep the river clean downstream.

Such destruction is not inevitable. State and national forests have already shown how water resources can be protected, and there are programs to encourage private landowners to save and restore wetlands. But more must be done before it is too late.

Because the South's rivers often flow from one state to the next, southern states should work together to better protect water resources. Such a coalition of states should seek more funding from the federal

government and from within our region to purchase public forests with the express purpose of saving the sources of our rivers. Similarly, citizens and government agencies can improve and expand incentives for landowners to manage their lands to protect water quality and natural water flows.

These conserved lands don't have to be made off limits to other uses. They can often be managed to produce timber.

All can be used for hunting and hiking, observing nature and enjoying the outdoors. The value of these uses along with the value of the water produced and the reduction of damage from floods certainly justifies the costs.

And so, in this holiday season when we celebrate Thanksgiving, birth and beginnings, we should make a collective resolution for the new year, that we will work together to give a different kind of gift to our children, the conservation of the forested hills, dark swamps and deep springs where the South's rivers are born. It is a gift

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Mrs. Ortte celebrates 105th

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Mrs. Grace Ortte of Bay St. Louis celebrated her 105th birthday with family members on December 20, 2003.

Mrs. Ortte was born December 20, 1898 in New Orleans and has been a resident of Hancock County for over 85 years.

"As a youngster I visited Bay St. Louis many times via the Mary Jane (Commuter train)," she said on Tuesday.

Her daughter Marion Elliott, said her mother has her good and bad days, yet, she still likes to talk to people and have me take her frequently riding about the area.

Up until two years ago, Mrs. Ortte had enjoyed making visits to Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ortte is now says she is the oldest resident of Bay St. Louis since the February death at age 104, of longtime friend Miss Celestine Labat, whom she said was two months older than her.

Incidentally, the two centenarians only lived about four blocks from each other.

Her 105th birthday was celebrated quietly, not like her 100th which involved a big family gathering.

One of the highlights of her 105th was a letter of congratulations she received from Willard Scott, of NBC News in New York.

Daughter Marion said Pat Pitolo, a Carroll Avenue neighbor was responsible for her receiving the letter from Scott.



On December 20, 2003, Bay St. Louis resident, Mrs. Grace Ortte celebrated her 105th birthday. Mrs. Grace Ortte on Tuesday, gives her favorite cat, Emmie some attention at her Carroll Avenue residence in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ortte and her husband, Edward Ortte, who died in 1973, they married in 1917.

The Ortte's first resided at Clermont Harbor, before moving to Bay St. Louis.

The family said it was ironic that Mr. Ortte was Hancock County Board of Supervisor when the 1947 Hurricane destroyed the county, and his son-in-law

Russell J. Elliott, (wife of Marion) was a Board of Supervisor when Hurricane Camille in 1969 destroyed the area.

In addition to being a supervisor president, Mr. Ortte was also a Hancock County School Board president.

Mrs. Ortte was involved with her husband's three movie theaters in Hancock

County and others across the coast. There was the Ortte Theatre and Hiway Drive-Inn in Bay St. Louis and the Waveland Theatre on Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Mrs. Ortte has only one daughter, three grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

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HMC to offer 12-week weight management series in January

Hancock Medical Center will repeat its 12-week series on weight management beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13. "LEARN" is an acronym for Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude, Relationships and Nutrition. Each letter represents a component of the weight loss challenge, said registered dietitian Dawn Vosbein.

"This program is tailored to each individual's problem area," she said. "One person may eat very little during the day, but uncontrollably at night. Another may snack throughout the day and not even realize it."

Each class member will be asked to establish eating and activity habits by keeping a log during the initial

"We want to set individual goals and develop a plan for each participant to reach his or her goal. An important part of this series focuses on changing behavior to sustain weight loss."

Dawn Vosbein,
registered dietitian

phase of the seminar. Vosbein will tabulate caloric intake and assess activity level based on the information provided.

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his or her goal. An important part of this series focuses on changing behavior to sustain weight loss."

Other components of the classes include recipe modification, how to incorporate exercise into a daily routine and the psychological aspects of maintaining a weight loss program.

The three-month program is offered from noon until 1 p.m. on the Hancock Medical Center campus. The cost is \$75 and includes a 300-page workbook and various handouts. An initial medical screening for each participant will be conducted at the beginning of the series.

For additional information, call Vosbein at 228-467-8730.

Smoking cessation course to be offered at Hancock Medical

Has your family been nagging you to quit smoking? Do you think that cigarette may contribute to the cough that won't go away?

It is not easy to quit smoking. Hancock Medical Center is offering a four-week class beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20, to teach proven methods of decreasing dependence on tobacco products.

Registered nurse Laurie Henrie will conduct the sessions, which begin at 5:30 p.m. Henrie, former cardiopulmonary rehabilitation director, has several years of teaching experience.

The sessions cover the

following topics:

- Information on smoking cessation products
- Behavior modification techniques
- Relaxation exercises
- Health and financial impact on smokers
- Information on prescription medications available from health care providers.

Find out how this program can motivate you to achieve and maintain a smoke-free lifestyle and modify and improve your general health. The only prerequisite for the program is the desire to quit smoking. The cost of \$35 includes all classes and materials.

For additional information or to register, call 228-467-8727.

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For residents residing within the city limits of Diamondhead:

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• Residents normally serviced on FRIDAY 1/2/04 will be serviced on Saturday 1/3/04.

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For residents residing within the city limits of Bay St. Louis and Waveland:

• Residents normally serviced on THURSDAY 1/1/04 - no service will be provided.

• Residents normally serviced on FRIDAY 1/2/04 will be serviced AS SCHEDULED.

Crop Disaster Program sign-up

Mary Gwathney, County Executive Director for Pearl River-Hancock County Farm Service Agency alerts producers that sign-up ends Jan. 30, 2004, for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), which provides payments for 2001 or 2002 crop-year losses due to a natural disaster.

"USDA has issued \$2.2 billion in benefits to about 325,000 farmers across the country," said Gwathney. "We encourage qualified farmers to take advantage of this assistance."

CDP, which is authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, has no overall funding limitation, but each "person" is limited to \$80,000. Producers are reimbursed for qualifying crop production and quality losses (other than sugar cane, sugar beets or tobacco) for either the 2001 or 2002 crop years. Payments are issued for losses exceeding 35 percent of expected production at 50 percent of the established price for crops that were covered by crop insurance; 50 percent of the established price for crops for which crop insurance was unavailable; and 45 percent of the established price to producers for crops that could have been insured but were not.

Producers are also reimbursed for quality losses of at least 20 percent for certain crops. Eligible producers who did not have crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage during the year of the disaster must agree to purchase coverage for each of the next two crop years. More information on CDP and other USDA disaster assistance program is available at 1222 South Main St., Poplarville, MS; (601) 795-4409, Pearl River-Hancock County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office and on FSA's Web site at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

Housing -- residents opposed

Project developer Mac Trellis, who owns five lots on Coleman Ave. and a 50 foot wide strip of land stretching to the next block, Terrace Ave. had requested a zoning change to allow the back parcel of land to be used as a parking lot and entrance for staff at the facility.

Trellis said the back entrance would also be used for food services and other deliveries and possibly for emergency vehicles picking up residents.

This meant that a lot of traffic would be entering the facility from Terrace Ave., a

quiet residential street. People living in the area were clearly opposed to the idea.

Residents told commissioner that the quiet street would not be able to handle the increased traffic. They were also concerned by the fact that Trellis had failed to plan for any resident or visitor parking, which many said would add a high volume of traffic to the area even without service vehicles coming and going.

Gary Veglia questioned the legal requirements for parking for a facility of its

size. Trellis said he did not have the answer, but said he planned to buy additional property adjoining the facility for resident and visitor parking. Veglia said that in a regular apartment complex of the proposed size, that at least 126 parking spaces would be required.

Trellis named several nearby possibilities for property that he could acquire for parking, including the old hardware store at the corner of Bourgeois and Coleman and others.

"The property you are pointing to is my house and

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not for sale," said one resident.

Residents also mentioned street flooding as a problem in the area, which would hinder traffic to the facility and make evacuation in the event of a storm difficult.

Commissioners told Trellis that though his idea for an assisted living facility was a good one, it would be better suited for another area other than the quiet residential beach environment found in downtown Waveland.

Fish -- art attack

completed product, a colorful print of a fish or fishes, each matted and ready to be framed.

The first step in making the prints was selecting the rubber fish to be used as the pattern and coating it with a thin layer of ink in the color of their choice. Next was the blotting of the ink to make sure that the transfer was

neither too thick or too thin, a process more complicated than it sounds, sending many participants back to the first step.

After a successful blotting, the next step was the actual rubbing of the fish model with paper to transfer the image to the print. After this ladies used various mediums to "enhance" the

images deposited on the paper by the rubbing stage.

Enhancement varied according to individual tastes and also according to how well the original image transferred. Once enhancement was completed John helped each lady matte their print, complete with title and signature, ready for framing.

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Space for the specialized print making class was provided at the depot as a part of the Artist Assistance Program by the City's Division of Cultural Affairs, Mike Cuevas, director. Dr. Sherry Ponder hosted the event.

Fires -- Cuevas hit again

story residence.

On Wednesday, Hancock County Sheriff's Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt said, "ATF (The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) is now leading the investigation. State Fire Marshall David Dry, County Fire Investigator Brian Adam and the entire

sheriff's investigative team are also involved in the investigation."

Hurt on Tuesday said, "There was a vehicle parked on the shoulder of Highway 604 near Cuevas' residence sometime between 10:45 and 11 p.m. Monday, and we are urging anyone who may have seen a vehicle, to

please give the department a call at 228-467-5101, or 601-798-8555."

On Monday night fire departments from St. Tammany Parish responded to the call, in addition to West Hancock and several other Hancock Volunteer Fire Departments.

Information officially

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released on the investigation of the fires thus far has been very limited.

At press time Wednesday morning, a meeting of the federal, state and local investigative team was held at the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency in Bay St. Louis.

Fugitive -- over the river

received a warrant for Lindsey's arrest several weeks ago after he spent only a few days at a Texas Federal half-way house and walked away. He has an extensive police record. In 2001 he had four counts of aggravated assault and a

felony possession of a firearm charge in Hancock."

"We had word he was in the area of his wife's residence on Old Lower Bay Road. As deputies arrived he fled across state lines into St. Tammany Parish. Later he returned to his wife's res-

idence, kicked her door in, removed a bag containing some titles of things he owned and some his cash and hit the woods on foot," Hurt reported.

Hancock K-9 Officer Lt. Jimmy Esposito and Dan along with Bay St. Louis

and St. Tammany K-9 units latter apprehended him, Hurt added.

He was serving time in Texas for threatening a public official, in reports Hurt had received.

Krewe of D'head Parade forming

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The 2004 parade of the Krewe of Diamondhead is forming. Applications to this award winning parade have been mailed to all participants of last year's parade. The logo shown at the top of this article is a depiction of the plaque that was presented to the Krewe. It won the award as the number 1 Attraction in the south in 2003. This excellent Mardi Gras parade will be held on Feb 21, 2004 in Diamondhead starting at noon.

The Theme of the parade is "Famous Lovers". Applications to participate if you were not part of the excellent parade last year can be obtained my calling Parade Lt. Ray Sheehy at 228-255-6922 or email him at dhparade2004@aol.com. The parade has long been known as a family parade held in a safe and beautiful setting.

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Bay Little Theatre to present Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Piano Lesson' Jan. 9-18



The cast of "The Piano Lesson" includes (standing, from left) Metric Dockins, Imani Joseph, Stefan King, Allen Jenkins, John Ragins and Judy Verrett. Seated at the piano is Harold Wilkerson. Not shown is Shelly Hazeur.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present its production of "The Piano Lesson," a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by August Wilson on Jan. 9-11 and 16-18.

Boy Willie dreams of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked as slaves, and plans to sell the family's antique piano to raise the cash he needs. His sister Berniece

refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a part of the family legacy. The family dilemma is the real "piano lesson," a reminder that blacks are often deprived both of the symbols of their past and of opportunity in the present.

August Wilson is known for his spellbinding dramas including his first Pulitzer Prize-winning play Fences, and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom.

The cast includes Metric

Dockins as Doaker, Stefan King as Boy Willie, John Ragins as Lyman, Judy Verrett as Berniece, Imani Joseph as Maretha, Allen Jenkins as Avery, Harold Wilkerson as Wining Boy and Shelly Hazeur as Grace.

Others involved are Charles Joseph, director; Rebecca Hardin, assistant director; and Scott Dargah, producer.

Show times are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays

and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and below.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater, located at 301 Boardman Ave., has a general seating policy.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show, and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.bslit.org or call the theater at 228-467-2587.

'Dreams -- A Celebration of Mississippi Music'

THE SEA COAST ECHO
"Dreams-- A Celebration of Mississippi Music," presented by the WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Beau Rivage Theatre will be performed on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the debut of *Suite Mississippi*, an original piece of music composed by nationally known composer Evan Solot together with youth and professionals of the Gulf Coast.

Nationally known TV personality and Chef Emeril Lagasse will be the Master of Ceremonies for the production. Emeril Lagasse and his wife Alden are the national fundraising chairpersons for the capital campaign to renovate the gym at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center into a performing arts and education center for young people, the first of its kind in the state of Mississippi. Alden Lagasse, a native of Gulfport, was a friend and tennis partner of Lynn Meadows for whom the museum is named.

Solot, Chair of the Composition Department at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia PA, was chosen to compose this piece after a nationwide search through Continental Harmony. Continental Harmony selected WINGS Performing Arts Program as one of 14 host communities in the U.S. to participate in the national program that focuses on celebrating your community through music.

"While visiting in October, I could see the huge impact this project has had on the youth in the Wings Performing Arts Program," says Pat Schiffered, Project Director with Continental Harmony.

"Their enthusiasm in researching Mississippi music and collaborating with Evan on original composition has resulted in the production of their own touring show Out of the Blues."

Shooting Stars, a teen performing troupe with WINGS, traveled to the Mississippi Delta to visit the Blues Museum, Blues Festival, the Crossroads and the Blues Mural as part of their research on the Continental Harmony project. Solot's recent credits include being a member of the Grammy Review Panel; collaborating on the music for the movie Standing in the Shadow of Motown; and composing the theme for NBC Nightly News.

"This original piece of music has mushroomed from 20 minutes to 45 minutes primarily due to the "can do" attitude of these amazing creative and artistic youth and professionals I am collaborating with on the Gulf Coast," says composer Evan Solot.

The show begins with a salute to talented Mississippi artists from Tammy Wynette, Leontyne Price and Elvis to Jerry Lee Lewis, Jimmy Buffet and Jim Henson and concludes with the debut of *Suite Mississippi*. Gulf Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra, WINGS Performing Arts Program, Ballet Theatre School, Gulfport High School, and the Gulfport Concert Choir lend their special talents to make the evening memorable.

Veteran coast entertainers David Delk, Bobby Steele, Joel Herr, Rachel Dahl, Joseph Williams, Vicky Heidingsfelder, Molly Cox, Timothy James Bergman and Jazz professionals, Buddy Dubourg, Brooks

Hubbert III, George Mason, Bill Murphy, Jeb Stuart and Ray Zanders will share the stage.

"Two years in the making, *Suite Mississippi* is a journey through history, music and literature resulting in a composition that celebrates Mississippi's rich musical contribution to world music," says Tonya Hays, WINGS Performing Arts Program Director. The composition is a multimedia tribute to Mississippi's musical legacy featuring singers, dancers, actors and visual artists. West African drums designed by Pat Shannon will be placed throughout the theatre. WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center offers instruction, programs and productions in violin, voice, chorus, acting and dance.

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Free Boat and Water Safety classes set for January-March

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The Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Boat and Water Safety class schedule for January through March 2004 is now available. Classes are free and open to all ages. Pre-registration is required.

In order to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Mississippi, those born after June 30, 1980, are required to successfully complete an approved boating safety course and to have a certificate of satisfactory completion in their possession while in operation of the motorboat.

"The DMR Boat and Water Safety Bureau conducted 71 Boating Safety classes this year, which resulted in 871 people being certified. Hopefully these classes will help reduce the number of boating accidents in the coming years," said Lt. Frank Wescovich, who oversees the DMR's Boat and Water Safety Program.

The DMR Marine Patrol-sponsored courses have been designed to effectively introduce topics such as boat registration, navigation rules, trailering, first aid response and weather watch into a comprehensive one- or two-session class. The classes are taught locally with many convenient locations. To pre-register for a class or to bring a class into your school call the DMR Boat and Water Safety Bureau at (228) 435-1332 or (228) 432-2820.

In Mississippi, it is against the law for anyone 12 years old and under to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft unless they possess a certificate and are accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person who is at least 21 years of age.

Anyone riding or operating a personal watercraft in Mississippi waters must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type 1, 2, or 3 PFD.

Since the inception of the DMR's Boat and Water Safety program in March 2000, the marine patrol officers in the DMR's Boat and Water Safety Bureau have taught 271 certification courses and certified a total of 4,221 students.

The DMR's Boat and Water Safety Bureau comprises four Marine Patrol officers with more than 80 years of combined experience to relate to the public on these programs. More than 5,213 students have attended the DMR's Boat and Water Safety presentation programs. These programs and certification courses are conducted by the DMR free of charge, in the three coastal counties, year-round for the public and in the school systems.

In the DMR's Boat and

Water Safety presentation program, students learn the history of boat and water safety, the duties of the DMR's Marine Patrol, what to expect in the certification course and why there is a need for it. Topics covered include registration, safety equipment, negligent operation, who has the right of way, boating accidents, no wake zones, weather and navigational aids.

The Boat and Water Safety Bureau has also spread the message of boating safety to about 35,000 people through its outreach programs and exhibits at various events. Marine Patrol officers also conduct boat inspections and coordinate with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks on boating accident reports and marine safety incident reports.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at

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The family of the late Boyce Holleman.

Boyce Holleman video documentary unveiled

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The death of South Mississippi legal legend Boyce Holleman on Nov. 21, reminded Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Doug Mansfield of a television interview he had conducted with Holleman in 1997. The 40-minute interview, concerned primarily with Holleman's World War II service aboard the aircraft carrier Gambier Bay, had been transformed by Mansfield into a video-documentary illustrated with actual combat film from the Battle of Saipan.

The video-documentary debuted December 19 at the Rotary Club Luncheon for Senior Citizens of Stone County held annually at the

MGCCC Perkinston Campus cafeteria. This gathering had been emceed by Boyce Holleman for the past decade. Many of Holleman's family members including his sons and his brother joined 300 senior citizens in viewing the spell-binding video-documentary that was introduced by Mansfield, director of the Jackson County Campus television studio.

In his introduction, Mansfield astonished the audience by unfurling a 48-star United States flag from the Gambier Bay that had recently and inexplicably come into his possession through a series of strange circumstances. Mansfield presented the flag to

MGCCC Archivist Charles Sullivan for inclusion in the college's Boyce Holleman Hall of Fame collection. At the conclusion of the presentation, so great was the desire of the Holleman family for the flag, that Mansfield and Sullivan presented the flag to the family with the understanding that it would be preserved and returned to the MGCCC Archives at some future time.

Organizations or individuals interested in viewing the Holleman video-documentary should contact Doug Mansfield at paul.mansfield@mgccc.edu or at the Jackson County Campus, 228/497-9602 after Jan. 5.

Krewe of Hera Mardi Gras Organization plans Nineteenth Annual Bal Masque

The Krewe of Hera Mardi Gras Organization is looking forward to another exciting year. Hera, a Gulf Coast Ladies carnival association with members from cities all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, was founded in 1985. Hera's membership is limited to 225 ladies.

Officers were elected at Hera's annual general membership meeting, which was held at the Biloxi Yacht Club. Elected Captain for the coming year is Debbie McVadon. This is her sixth year on the Board of Directors. She has previously served as a Line Lieutenant for three years.

Other officers elected for the upcoming year are as



Front row from left to right are Karen Fayard, Wanda LeBlanc and Sherry Garrett. Back row from left to right are Donna O'Rourke, Georgie Breard, Debbie McVadon (Captain) and Debbie Chatagnier.

follows: First Vice-President, Georgie Breard; Second Vice-President, Wanda LeBlanc; Third Vice-President, Donna O'Rourke; Recording Secretary, Sherry Garrett; Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Chatagnier; and Treasurer, Karen Fayard.

Line Lieutenants for this year are Angela Culbertson, Alison Davis, Darlene Fore, Elizabeth Griswold, Dee

Kelley, Sally Romero, Terri Tomsik and Courtney Webb.

The Royal Court for 2004 was introduced at the fall cocktail party at the Great Southern Club. King Zeus XIX, Dr. Bob Terrell, was announced along with the maids and dukes. Queen Hera XIX Ms. Tonya Mooney, was drawn and announced from the names of the Hera's Queen Club participants this year.

The Krewe of Hera nineteenth annual Bal Masque will be held January 3, 2004, at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum Convention Center. For ticket information, please contact Wanda LeBlanc at 896-1993 (work) or 388-1547 (home).

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Emmett Robert Herman, Sr., Colonel/U.S. Army/Retired, a veteran of WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War, including service at the Pentagon died at Memorial Medical Center - Uptown on Monday, December 29, 2003. Age 78 years.

Father of Tes Herman, Kelly Herman Rose, Hoagie, Cal, Art and the late Karl Herman. Son of the late Lillian Reagan Herman and Arthur V. Herman. Brother of Ralph Herman, Violet, Althea, Jean and the late Arthur, Mae, Miriam and Eunice.

He is survived by eight grandchildren. A native of New Orleans, and a resident of Waveland, MS for 11 years.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home. Interment followed in Lake Lawn Park.

RUBY HENRY

Ruby Jones Henry, 86, died Monday, December 29, 2003 at North Mississippi Medical Center in West Point, MS.

A native of Ovette, MS, Mrs. Henry was a retired receptionist for the North Clinic of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She was a member of the Leggett Memorial Methodist Church.

Survivors include: daughters, Patricia Ann Houck and husband Glen of Longview, TX, Betty Ruth Hawkins of Waveland, and Mary Leigh Lyon of Canton; sisters, Erlene Davidson of West Point and Bertha Taylor of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Breeland Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Canton Cemetery.

**WILLIAM
MCDOWELL SR.**

William D. McDowell Sr., 57, of Saucier died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. McDowell was a native of Providence, Ky., and had been a resident of Saucier since 1987. He was a mechanic for Chrysler Motor Company, was an Army veteran of Vietnam and a member of VFW Post 5484, Kentucky, and DAV, Mississippi chapter. He was also a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gulfport.

Mr. McDowell was preceded in death by his father, Robert C. McDowell. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne McDowell; his mother and stepfather, Ozelle and Charles Harper, all of Saucier; three sons, William McDowell Jr. of St. Louis,

Mo.; Kenneth McDowell of Ocean Springs; and Wayne McDowell of Pass Christian; two brothers, James Robert McDowell of St. Louis, Mo.; and Gary D. McDowell of Pascagoula; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Hwy 49 North, in Gulfport. The funeral will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 2, in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in the National Cemetery in Biloxi.

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Business News

USM to host 4th annual Port Symposium

The University of Southern Mississippi's International Port School (IPS) at the Gulf Park campus and the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport will co-present the fourth annual Port Symposium February 17-19 on the coast. The Port of Pascagoula, the Port of New Orleans and Port Bienville are also sponsors of the symposium and are actively involved in the program each year.

Consisting of themes related to ports, shipping and trade, the annual event features speakers and participants from ports and port-related businesses throughout the world.

According to Don Allee, executive director and CEO of the Port of Gulfport, Mississippi has 16 ports, three of which are located on the coast and serve as significant ports in their respective markets.

Gulfport and Pascagoula are deep-water ports and Port Bienville is a shallow draft port.

"The Port Symposium is a great venue for bringing ports and related industries up to speed on the rapidly changing port environment, from marketing issues to government regulations," Allee said. "At the same time it increases the visibility of our ports at all levels - local to international."

Allee said there were 11 countries and more than 110 companies represented at this event in Gulfport last year. "That is great exposure," Allee said.

"These symposia have been successful, educational programs designed to promote maritime transportation and foreign trade," said Melody Bradley-Moeller, administrator for the IPS. "Governmental and private organizations interested in the development of mar-

itime activity and international markets are brought together with the multifaceted international transportation and trade industry in an atmosphere that fosters dialogue on many relevant and practical issues."

The topic for the 2004 symposium is "Ports and Ocean Shipping." Scheduled is a timely agenda, with panel topics ranging from the status of world ports today, overviews of cargo and vessel forecasts to what all of this means to ports in the future.

Past topics include "Latin American Trade and Investment Opportunities," "Trade Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere" and "Emerging Trends and Strategies in Maritime Economic Development."

"This annual Mississippi Coast symposium has been the primary focus of the IPS in its formative years,"

Moeller said. "And this is just one way to bring about awareness of the issues concerning our local ports and the IPS itself. The overall goal of the IPS is to create new industry specific education and service offerings for our ports and those in nearby states, as well as other agencies and the spin-off industries supporting them."

Southern Miss has a host of programs that can contribute to the International Port School mission. Those most closely related are the bachelor's degree programs in economic development and the Ph.D. program in international economic development recently approved by the Board of Trustees of the Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi.

"Professional development classes to be developed for the IPS will be identified through a task force of maritime and economic development executives and educators established to determine the priorities and needs of those in the industry," said Dayonne McGuire, director of continuing education and the Gulf Park Conference Center at Southern Miss Gulf Coast.

For more information contact Moeller at (228) 867-8779 or e-mail her at melody.moeller@usm.edu.

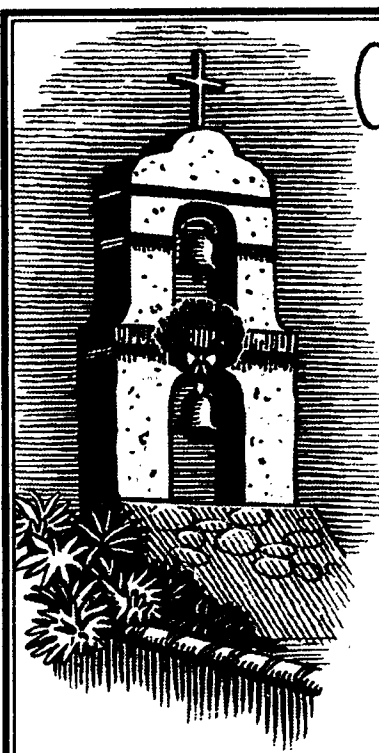
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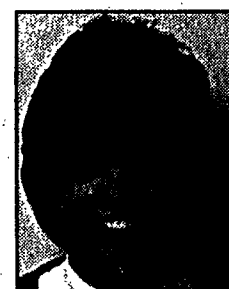
Three employees have been cited as the "Best in the Bank" for 2003, announced Chevis C. Swetman, chairman and chief executive officer of The Peoples Bank.

Jerry Comer, a teller in the bank's Main Branch in Biloxi, was named Employee of the Year. Nena Parker of the Wiggins branch was named best customer service representative, and Lauren Cuevas at the Orange Grove branch was named best teller.

"These three employees have been singled out for special commendation because of their outstanding performance throughout the year," said Swetman. "Each day they provide the highest level of service to our customers that The Peoples Bank strives to achieve. Jerry, Nena and Lauren all have demonstrated that quality service and performance are not just theoretical concepts but are practical standards that can be achieved regularly and consistently."



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Colmer, who had been named Employee of the Month in November, was selected from among the year's other monthly honorees. They included: Carol Crochet, Bookkeeping Department, Main Branch (January); Dale Dorcik, Audit Department, Main Branch (February); Kristi Gilbert, returns, Main Branch (March); Susan Danko, supervisor, Pass Christian Branch (April); Kim Pham, Teller, Orange Grove Branch (May); Angie Keating, Bookkeeping Department, Main Branch (June); Bridget Prevost, ATM Department (July); Debbie Gilmore, Teller, Bay St. Louis (August); Nina

Ladner, CSR, Wiggins (September) and Sylvia Longwood, CSR, Diamondhead (October).

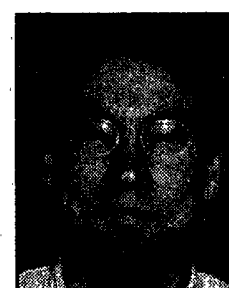
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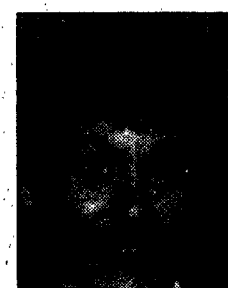
Keesler Federal Credit Union recognized employees for outstanding service in 2002-2003 at its annual employee meeting. Amanda Berkley, a Loan Officer, received the President's Award. The President's Award is given to non-supervisory personnel who exemplify Keesler Federal Credit Union's mission and values. Management of the credit union selects nominees for this award. Nominees were Pam Belk, Advertising Specialist, Rita Howell, Senior Member Service Representative Racheal Kilpatrick, Teller at the Orange Grove branch, and Jolynn Reeder, Home



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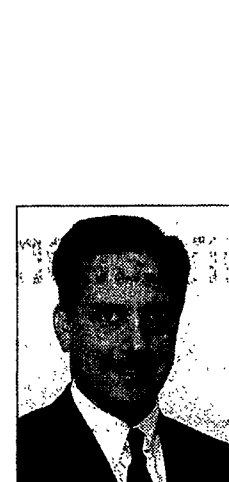
Equity Loan Officer.

Donna Disalvo received the Executive Award in recognition of her leadership and management qualities as Member Services Supervisor. The Executive Award is given to supervisors who demonstrate exemplary leadership skills and are nominated by employees of the credit union. Candidates for the award were Anne James, Mortgage Loan Manager and Donna Strange, Human Resources Administrator.

Chad Brown, System Administrator for Information Technology was honored as New Employee of the Year. The award is presented to the new employee who in the first year of employment displays exemplary job per-

formance and promises to be an asset to the future growth of the credit union. Honorable mentions for the award were Jason King, Assistant Vice-President of Lending, Jenny Prymula, Student Loan Credit Card Clerk and Neko Stubblefield, Staff Development Specialist.

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The proposed project consists of approximately .50 miles of 4-inch through 8-inch PBC water mains which will serve an estimated 600 households. The water supply will come from a 600 gpm water well and a 150,000 gallon elevated storage tank.

A withdrawal permit must be obtained from the MEDQ, Bureau of Land Management and Water Resources. A visual survey will be conducted to determine the presence of any endangered listed species by the USFWS. The Corps of Engineers stated in their memo that a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) be completed in order to determine the need for a permit. Any requirements will be incorporated into the plans and specifications for the project.

Several design alternatives were reviewed and the proposal selected was determined to be the most feasible with the least amount of environmental impact.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Area Office, 132 Mayfair Road, Hattiesburg, Ms. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Utilities Loan Specialist at 601-261-3293. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by February 2, 2004.

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Sports

Admirals nip Rocks in OT 65-64 for Hardwood Holiday Classic title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, the finals of the Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic matched the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (14-3) and the Gulfport Admirals (15-1). The game on Tuesday, December 30 didn't leave anything to the imagination of the fans as the players left everything they had and more on the court. The Admirals squeaked by the Rocks in overtime 65-64.

Gulfport head coach Danny Grieves commented, "I hated to see anyone lose that game. Both teams played their hearts out. In overtime, we did not do anything different. I just emphasized to the players that on defense we had to play more intense. On the offensive end, we needed to go to the basket. Henry Salter made everyone around him better tonight with his game and Duran Eckford played a superb game after sustaining an injury to his arm that we were not sure if he would be able to play in the tournament."

Grieves continued. "We beat SSC earlier in the year when they were not as healthy as they are now. The team is getting healthy again and it is good to see them get that way. Coach Jay Ladner always has them ready to play and mentally tough. SSC never thinks that they are out of a game and that is a tribute to the way Jay Ladner coaches those players. I hate to play against a friend and I consider Jay to be a very good friend. I hate to see him lose. I don't think SSC lost tonight. They just ran out of time. We beat a very good basketball team tonight and they will be a force to be reckoned with in Class 4A."

Gulfport jumped out to a 7-2 lead early in the first period before the first of Darius Acker's six three-pointers connected and tied the game at 9-9 with 3:44 left. After that, the two teams battled basket for

basket and the period ended in a 16-16 tie.

The second period was much of the same as the teams battled shot for shot with neither team enjoying more than a two-point lead until the final two minutes of the half.

Ramsey Shawa tied the game at 24-24 with two charity shots with 2:50 remaining. The Admirals followed up with a 7-0 run to take a 31-24 lead into intermission.

The third period belonged to SSC as Acker connected on four long bombs in the period and SSC claimed a 46-40 advantage heading into the fourth period.

Gulfport's Prep All-American Henry Salter had a quiet 13 points through three periods of play. However, with four minutes remaining, Salter converted an old-fashioned three-point play to tie the game 50-50.

The Admirals went ahead 54-50 behind some charity shots before Mario Faranda nailed two free throws of his own. On the defensive end, Faranda blocked Salter's shot and passed to Acker for a layup and the score was tied 54-54 with 2:03 left in regulation.

With :17 left Carlos Wright nailed a bucket in the paint to give the Admirals a basket advantage; however, somebody forgot to guard Acker as he drove the lane uncontested for a layup and sent the game into overtime.

The Admirals got up 62-58 with 1:46 left in overtime when Acker nailed his sixth deep shot of the game to cut the lead to 62-61. Salter scored the final three points for the Admirals on a basket and a foul.

Acker converted on a free throw and Faranda scored a layup with :02 left for the final score of 65-64.

Acker finished with a game high 31 points while Faranda added 13 points and 7 rebounds. Shawa chipped in 13 points and 7 rebounds for the Rocks. Salter led the Admirals with 21 points and 18 rebounds

followed by Duran Eckford with 19 points and Jameel Farrar with 12 points.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We need to learn how to handle adversity on the road. We had some tough breaks but we kept fighting back. It was a heck of a game for both teams. We need to keep our heads up because we fought hard tonight. We played with the heart of champion tonight."

Acker and Faranda were selected to All-Tournament team for the Rocks while Eckford, Salter, and Duran Moore were chosen from Gulfport. Shan Foster of Bonabel and Prince Holmes of Harrison Central were also selected.

To reach the finals of the Admiral Holiday Classic, the Rocks defeated the Pascagoula Panthers in first round action on Saturday, December 27 by the score of 67-57.

Darius Acker struck for 25 points including six three-pointers in the game. However, the defining aspect of the game may have been the Rocks' free throw shooting.

On the night, SSC finished 28-of-32 at the charity stripe which figures up to 88%.

Pascagoula led 46-44 at the end of three periods of play; however, Acker and company had other thoughts.

Within a span of two minutes, Acker connected on three consecutive trips down the court from beyond the arc to give SSC a 56-50 advantage.

On Monday, December 29, the Rocks defeated the Bonabel Bruins 56-40 on a second half surge. SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "It was a slow start for us. I did not do a good job of getting us ready to play. We lacked intensity and couldn't get the shots to fall. We played much better in the second half and our defensive intensity created an offensive groove for us."

The Bruins were led by 6-6 Vanderbilt signee Shan Foster who is the son of for-

mer USM great John Brown. Ladner and Brown played together at USM in Hattiesburg and were rivals from the seventh grade through their senior year in high school.

Both teams struggled in the first half as the score was only 20-16 at halftime in favor of the Bruins. However, SSC got on fire in the second half.

Acker scored 16 of his game high 20 points in the second half while teammate Rob Murray added 13 of his 16 points after intermission. Acker also added three assists and four steals in the game while Mario Faranda pulled down 8 rebounds. Once again, the Rocks were solid from the charity stripe going 14-for-16 as a team against the Bruins.

SSC went on a 6-0 run to end the third period of play and secured a lead at 37-33. The Rocks did not relinquish the lead in the final frame.

In other action in the classic, Pass Christian was defeated by Bonabel in the first round 70-62. Foster led the Bruins in that matchup with 35 points. Chad Musgrove led the Pirates with 23 points.

On Monday, December 29, the Pirates lost to Pascagoula in overtime 73-71. Billy Crawford had 21 points and Chad Musgrove 20 points in the loss for the Pirates.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw soccer team (11-1-1) was in action in the 20th annual Harrison Central Holiday Tournament December 26-27.

In the first day of action, the Rocks defeated Biloxi 3-0 and Hattiesburg 2-1.

On Saturday, SSC defeated host Harrison Central 5-0 and blanked Gulfport 2-0 to advance to the finals against Brandon. The Rocks lost a tight game with Brandon 3-2 for the title. The Bulldogs reached the finals by defeating Biloxi 2-0, Gautier 5-0, Gulfport 2-0 and tying Ocean Springs 1-1.

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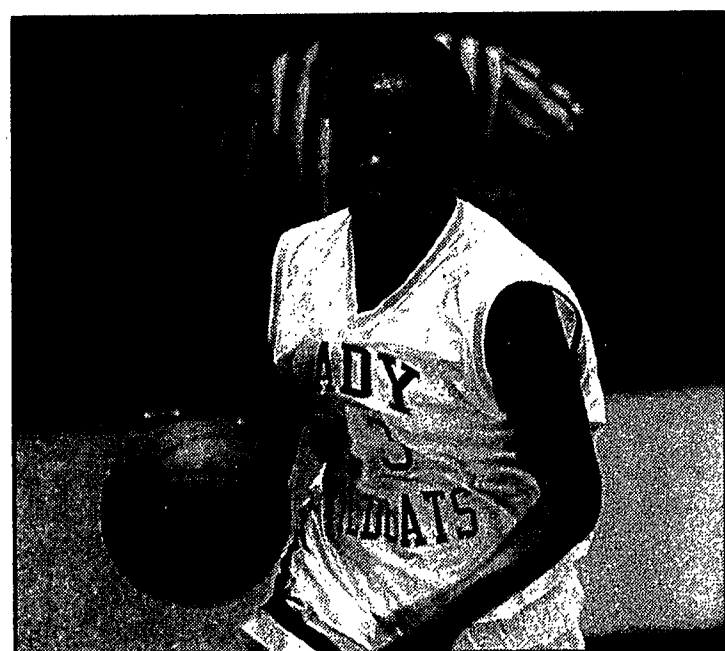
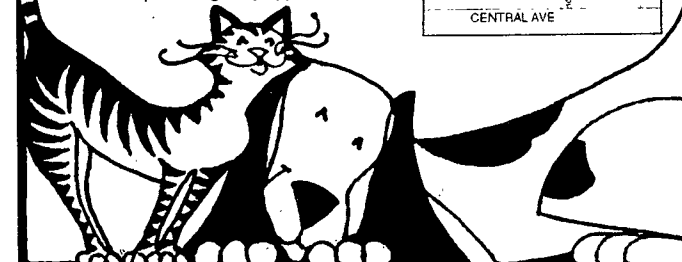
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE LEE GINES ALFREDIC ROBINSON AND PARALEE LEVY PLAINTIFFS VERSUS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CARRIE LEE GINES DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 2003-534
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CARRIE LEE GINES (DECEASED)
You have been made Defendants in the petition filed in this Court by ALFREDIC ROBINSON and PARALEE LEVY, Plaintiffs, seeking to have the Court adjudicate THAT the sole and only heir-at-law of CARRIE LEE GINES at the time her death was her sister, namely PARALEE LEVY. Defendants other than you in this action are none. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2004, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 28th day of November, 2003.

CLERK, CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY By Lammell Scarborough, D.C. 12/18 12/25/03 01/01/04

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF GENE FUGATE DECEASED

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 9th day of December 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the estate of Gene Fugate, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This 9th day of December, A.D., 2003.

BARBARA S. SALAZAR, EXECUTRIX
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
MS Bar No. 5091
12/18, 12/25/03, 01/01/04

JH703-3373
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of March, 1998, Michael L. Cressonnie and Cindy M. Cressonnie, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto most W. Stewart Systems, Inc., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 786 at Page 468; and WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 786 at Page 468; and WHEREAS, on the 5th day of September, 2003, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 786 at Page 468; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having selected the undersigned to do, on the 8th day of January, 2004, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and sell at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 6, Unit 7, Diamondhead, phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at pages 48-50, inclusive, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. I will convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 17th day of November, 2003.
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
5202 OLIVER ROAD
MONROE, LA 71201
(504) 330-9020
12/11, 12/18, 12/25/03, 01/01/04
JH703-3373
9829 Ana Hula Street

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, on December 14, 2001, JOHN J. DIVERS executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Harry R. Allen, Trustee for BANCORP, INC., by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk in Book 148 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary in the above referenced Deed of Trust was corrected to read HANCOCK BANK and the Deed of Trust was re-recorded in Deed of Trust Book 673 at Page 407 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the subject property was conveyed by John J. Divers to Carrie L. Franklin by Warranty Deed dated June 25, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book BE266 at Page 152 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk

WHEREAS, HANCOCK BANK appointed Gerald M. Warren as Substitute Trustee by instrument dated December 8, 2003 and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 805 at Page 756 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, which default has continued for a period of time necessary for the holder to declare the entire unpaid balance immediately due and payable, and HANCOCK BANK, the holder of the Deed of Trust as aforesaid, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to do so, I will on the 15th day of January, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 7, Glen Eagle, Diamondhead, Phase 1, according to the map thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this 10th day of December, 2003.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SHANNON MARIE NOONAN PLAINTIFF

VS. RODNEY PAUL NOONAN, IF ALIVE AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVISEES DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. C2201-03-848-2
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, a Judgment Establishing and Enforcing Lien on Real Property Interest was rendered in this cause on December 10, 2003, under the terms of which the plaintiff, Shannon Marie Noonan, was granted a lien upon the interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, in and to the following described real property; and WHEREAS, plaintiff herein, Shannon Marie Noonan, is the owner of an undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the said property; and WHEREAS, under the terms of said Judgment, the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, has been adjudicated to be indebted to the plaintiff, Shannon Marie Noonan, in the amount of \$15,924.41, plus this state of additional necessary expenses paid by the plaintiff on the said real property; and WHEREAS, the said Judgment grants unto the plaintiff a lien against the undivided one-third interest of the defendant in and to the said real property described below to secure said indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi has been appointed by said Judgment as Special Commissioner in this cause to sell the said undivided one-third (1/3) interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, at a public sale pursuant to and in accordance with State law governing sales of land by trustees under deeds of trust in order to satisfy the indebtedness and the lien of the plaintiff.

NOTICE THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Special Commissioner, will on the 13th day of January, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the undivided one-third interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, in and to the following described property situated and lying in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 23, Block 2, COMBES' SUBDIVISION of Lot 105, Second Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on July 8, 1911 and recorded in Volume C-3, pages 147-149 of the Hancock County Deeds Record. Said lot is parcel of land has a frontage of 50 feet on Second Street and runs between parallel lines 50 feet apart to a depth of 130 feet.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the said Special Commissioner.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2003 (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Special Commissioner
12/18, 12/25/03, 01/01, 01/08/04

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for more than 5 years on the property of Bay Marina Marina Dr., MS 39520, 228-466-4970. Description of Vessel: (Registration #MI-4635-AZ, Hull ID #JUSCAB80CH293, Bayliner, Classic, 24' 1993, White Cabin Cruiser). Application for registration will be made in accordance with Miss. Code Ann §9-21-1 et seq. §§9-25-1 et seq., and §§9-17-1 et seq., as amended, if it is not claimed and removed from Bay Marina within thirty (30) days of this notice. 01/01, 01/08, 01/15/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECIL G. PERILLOUX, JR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO. C2201-03-976-3

BY DARLA OLIVER PERILLOUX, ADMINISTRATRIX TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF CECIL G. PERILLOUX, JR., DECEASED

You have been made Defendants in a law suit filed in this Court by Darla Oliver Perilloux, Administratrix, to establish Darla Oliver Perilloux and Andre Michael Perilloux as the sole and only heirs at law of Cecil G. Perilloux, Jr. and place them in possession of his estate. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against the Complaint filed against you in this action at 9:30 A.M. on the 23rd day of January, 2004, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

You are not required to file an answer of other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time thereafter.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court on this, the 15th day of December, 2003. (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
624 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND, MS 39576
TELEPHONE: (228) 467-3935
MS BAR NO. 5090
12/18, 12/25/03, 01/01/04

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Mr. E.J. Dennis has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provisions of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the area of an unnamed canal adjacent to Cutoff Bayou at 322 Puntal Place, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi. The applicant requests permission to remove an existing pier measuring 4 feet in width by 31 feet in length and build a new pier along this property line measuring 4 feet in width by 35 feet in length. A boat lift measuring 16 feet in length and 16 feet in width will also be installed, and the existing pier to the right of the lift will be extended four feet in length. The width of the canal along which the applicant's property is located measures 132 feet across. The proposed pier extensions and boat lift would encompass 27% of the width of the waterway.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 308 (U.S.C. 1318), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Blox, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day January 19, 2004. 12/25/03, 01/01, 01/08/04

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
CAUSE NO. C2201-03-876-3
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of Cecil G. Perilloux, Jr., Deceased
Letters of administration having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of Cecil G. Perilloux, Jr., Deceased, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to the law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This 15th day of December, A.D., 2003

DARLA OLIVER PERILLOUX
ADMINISTRATRIX
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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LOUIS M. GENARD
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